

Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, please replace the paragraph spanning line 26 through page 2, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A number of reports have been made on a method of preparing APP. In the case of a method of preparing APP by pyrolysis of cellulose, the yield of APP is as low as only about 1.4% with respect to cellulose which is a raw material, and a very complicated separation process is required in subsequent purification, thereby making it unrealistic to use this method for industrial production. Further, it has been reported that a number of compounds are produced from 1,5-D-anhydrofructose (hereinafter referred to as 1,5-AF) in aqueous strong alkali solution and APP is one of intermediates produced in the production process of these compounds (refer to ~~Ahmand~~ Ahmad, T., Phd Thesis, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden (1995)). However, APP is an intermediate under this condition, and a method of terminating the reaction by APP and a method of preparing APP as a final product are not described.